

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3 Aug 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-13, 15-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All independent claims recite, or similarly recite, in combination with the remaining elements, the steps of a method for a reference note in an electronic document file being authored, comprising the "subsequent" steps of: receiving a user-selected first insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination electronic document; subsequent to receiving said first insertion point, providing a source user interface to a user-selected source electronic document; subsequent to providing said source user interface, receiving a user selection of text content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area; subsequent to receiving said user selection of content, "automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer without requiring said user to return to said first user interface"; "automatically capturing and recording one or more source reference data items" corresponding to said selected content simultaneously with or subsequent to said automatic copying; "and automatically generating in said destination electronic document at least one reference note selected from the group of a footnote, endnote, or bibliographical entry containing said captured source reference data items".

The closest prior art, Jacobson (US 6735701 B1) and other prior of records such as TechSmith Corp. (SnagIt User's Guide), show a similar method for cut-and-paste operations. For example, Jacobsen describes typical downloading scenario (e.g. select source first, designate destination second); and Snag-it does not insert content into an existing user interface while viewing a file, but instead creates a new file, email, document, etc. Most of these operations are source first, destination second sequence. However, Jacobson, singularly or in combination with Snag-it (or with the prior art of records), still fail to anticipate the invention's "destination first, source second sequence", repeated automatic copying without designating the destination, automatic content capture and insertion process, in combination with the sequential operation of all the steps claimed.

Pursuant to applicants filing a Terminal disclaimer to obviate provisional double patenting rejection over a pending application, the examiner here by withdraws the Double Patenting rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil N. Kumar whose telephone number is (571) 270-1693. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesdays and alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri EST (Alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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